

V. CLAIMS

I claim:

8. An improved portable table top apparatus; said apparatus consisting of a top portion and a bottom portion which comprise a hinged case with a secure interior space requiring no assembly by the user; said top portion creating a slanted surface at a 15 degree angle that is ergonomic and a lip to support books, papers, game-playing cards, sheets, or calculators; said top to include cavities across the top positioned to store writing devices, game-playing markers, daubers, beverages, and personal items, and being movable relative to bottom portion in order to provide access to the interior space, and containing a handle in order to facilitate carrying the apparatus; and containing a fastener on the exterior surface to secure the top to the bottom; said bottom and top portion interlocking to form a lip to secure contact with the table top and make the apparatus more stable relative to the table surface. This portable apparatus is distinguished from that of Hull in that the surface is at a calculated 15 degree angle to be ergonomic, there is a lip to prevent slipping, and the handle is lightweight and positioned to facilitate carrying by those with mobility problems. It is also distinguished from Mitchell in that the lip is molded as part of the top and is tall enough to support reading and writing materials.

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9. The apparatus as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said top portion is hinged to said bottom portion and both the top and bottom portions contain offset lips to form a lockable surface. The lip is distinguished from the portable apparatus of Hull in that it serves to secure the apparatus to the edge of a plane surface and prevent slipping, sliding or movement and is an improvement over previous inventions.

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10. The apparatus as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said top portion includes a raised lip portion for supporting game-playing cards or sheets and prevents cards, papers, books, and other items from slipping, sliding, or falling from the apparatus. Said lip is an improvement over previous inventions.

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11. The apparatus as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said top portion includes a handle fastened to the exterior surface, said handle extending outwardly generally transverse to back side of cavities. Said handle is an improvement over previous inventions and serves to facilitate carrying and using the apparatus by those with limited mobility including the elderly, children, and people with disabilities and does not present a safety hazard.

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12. The apparatus as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said top portion and bottom portion include a fastener on the exterior surface in order to secure the apparatus in closed position. Said fastener is an improvement over previous inventions.